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E.O. 11652 GDS
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SUBJECT: IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL WE HAVE PROCEEDED WITH SCENARIO FOR DISPOSITION OF IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT. JOINT COMMITTEE AGREED APRIL 24 TO REFER MATTER TO TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY MEETING APRIL 25 BETWEEN DCM AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL YAMAZAKI. FINAL STEP WILL BE MEETING BETWEEN DCM AND DEPUTY MINISTER ARITA AT WHICH TIME GOJ AGREE TO USG EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION PER REFTEL. AT THAT TIME DCM AND ARITA WILL SIGN MEMORANDUM RECORDING FINAL DISPOSITION OF CASE. PROPOSED TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. FOLLOWING THE DECISION REACHED AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON 24 APRIL 1975 WITH RESPECT TO IJIMA AUXILIARY AIRFIELD FAC 6005, SHOOTING INCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED ON 10 JULY 1974, A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. BASED UPON THESE DISCUSSIONS MR. K ARITA DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MR. T. SHOESMITH, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR OF THE EMBASSY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TALKS.

3. MR SHOESMITH STATED: (A) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED

STATES REGRETS THE OCCURRENCES OF THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AND HAS TAKEN ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS. MEASURES TAKEN INCLUDE REWRITING AND PUBLISHING REGULATIONS ASSIGNED TO THE IJIMA RANGE; THE POSTING AND ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS FOR ALL ASSIGNED PERSONNEL, THE POSTING OF NEW AND MORE PERMANENT WARNING SIGNS; AND INCREASED SUPERVISION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS. (B) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO REGRETS THE MISUNDERSTANDING CAUSED BY THE INITIAL UNOFFICIAL DECLARATION THAT THE FLARE GUN SHOOTING INCIDENT WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL DUTY CASE UNDER ARTICLE XVII, PARA 3A (II), OF THE SOFA AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ISSUE AN OFFICIAL DUTY CERTIFICATE. (C) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL PROMPTLY TAKE PUNITIVE ACTION THE AIRMEN INVOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN OF THE RESULTS. (D) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO FULLY COMPENSATE THE VICTIM FOR ANY INJURIES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE SHOOTING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE SOFA.

4. MR. ARITA STATED THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE ON THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE PRIMARY RIGHT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER THE SAID AIRMEN AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT MADE BY MR. SHOESMITH, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WOULD NOT EXERCISE ITS JURISDICTION OVER THE AIRMEN. END TEXT.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MEMORANDUM WHICH GOJ DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE PUBLIC, MEETS OUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND UNLESS THERE ARE OBJECTIONS, INTENDS TO INFORM GOJ ON APRIL 30 THAT TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE. AGREEMENT NEEDED BY THAT TIME IN ORDER TO ASSURE SCHEDULING FOR FINAL CABINET APPROVAL. PLEASE ADVISE.
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